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Applicant: Tazwell L. Anderson Jr.
Serial No.: 09/386,613
Filed: August 31, 1999
For: AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEM AND
METHOD UTILIZING A HEAD
MOUNTED APPARATUS WITH
NOISE ATTENUATION

Group No.: 2611
Examiner: Vu, Ngoc K.

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs., in duplicate)
Amendment in Response to Office Action of March 12, 2004 (5 pgs.)
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STATUS

- Applicant
☐ claims small entity status.
☒ is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00
	Fee Due	\$ 420.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____.

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	19	MINUS	20	=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	3	MINUS	3	=	x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$

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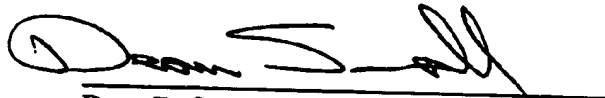
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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

1-18 (Cancelled)

19. (New): An audio/video system for providing select combinations of audio and video signals, the system comprising:

an interface device receiving and modulating a plurality of video signals associated with an event to produce modulated video signals, said interface device transmitting said modulated video signals; and

a receiver receiving said modulated video signals and receiving modulated audio signals, said modulated audio signals being associated with the event, said receiver selecting and demodulating at least one of said modulated video signals and at least one of said modulated audio signals to produce demodulated audio and video signals, wherein the selection is based on an input from a user;

a display attached to said receiver, said display receiving said demodulated video signal and producing images defined by said demodulated video signal;

first and second noise reduction devices having first and second recesses, respectively, said first and second noise reduction devices being configured to cover the ears of a user when the ears of the user are located within said first and second recesses; and

a first speaker coupled to said first noise reduction device, said first speaker producing sounds defined by said demodulated audio signal.

20. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein at least a portion of said plurality of video signals and at least a portion of said modulated audio signals relate to at least one of auto racing, a football game, a basketball game, a baseball game, and a hockey match.

21. (New) The system of claim 19, further comprising at least one of a strap and a head mount coupled to said first and second noise reduction devices to retain said first and second noise reduction devices on the head of the user.

22. (New) The system of claim 19, further comprising a second speaker coupled to said second noise reduction device and configured to produce sounds defined by said one audio signal.

23. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein said event is an auto race and said one video signal defines an image produced by a camera positioned within a vehicle participating in said auto race.

24. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein said one audio signal defines a

communication by a driver of a vehicle in an auto race.

25. (New) The system of claim 19, further comprising a head mount, said first noise reduction device includes a first slot adapted to receive said head mount, said first slot defined by a wall of said first noise reduction device, said wall of said first noise reduction device including a series of first notches, said head mount having a first ridge that is sequentially received by said first notches as said head mount passes through said first slot.

26. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein said receiver is a portable hand-held unit.

27. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein said receiver receives said audio and video signals wirelessly.

28. (New): A portable audio/video device for providing select combinations of audio and video signals, the device comprising:

a receiver receiving a plurality of video signals associated with an event and at least one audio signal associated with the event, said receiver selecting at least one of said video signals and at least one of said audio signals based on an input from a user to produce selected audio and video signals;

a display attached to said receiver, said display receiving said selected video signal and producing images based on said selected video signal;

first and second noise reduction devices having first and second recesses, respectively, said first and second noise reduction devices being configured to cover the ears of a user when the ears of the user are located within said first and second recesses; and

a first speaker provided in said first recess, said first speaker producing sounds based on said selected audio signal.

29. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein at least a portion of said plurality of video signals and at least a portion of said audio signals relate to at least one of auto racing, a football game, a basketball game, a baseball game, and a hockey match.

30. (New) The device of claim 29, further comprising at least one of a strap and a head mount coupled to said first and second noise reduction devices to retain said first and second noise reduction devices on the head of the user.

31. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein said event is an auto race and said select video signal defines an image produced by a camera positioned within a vehicle participating in said auto race.

32. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein said one audio signal defines a

communication by a driver of a vehicle in an auto race.

33. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein at least a portion of said plurality of said audio and video signals are modulated, further comprising a demodulator demodulating at least one modulated video signal.

34. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein said receiving receives a combined audio and video signal.

35. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein said receiver is a portable hand-held unit.

36. (New) The device of claim 29, wherein said receiver receives said audio and video signals wirelessly.

37. (New): A portable audio/video device, comprising:

a receiver receiving a plurality of modulated video signals and receiving modulated audio signals, said modulated audio signals being associated with the event, said receiver selecting and demodulating at least one of said modulated video signals and at least one of said modulated audio signals to produce demodulated audio and video signals, wherein the selection is based on an input from a user;

a display attached to said receiver, said display receiving said demodulated video signal and producing images defined by said demodulated video signal;

a first noise reduction device having a first recess, said first noise reduction device being configured to cover an ear of a user when the ear of the user is located within said first recess;
and

a first speaker coupled to said first noise reduction device, said first speaker producing sounds defined by said demodulated audio signal.